

S.No.	Name of the Districts	Amount sanctioned by banks (Rs. in lakhs)		
		1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
21.	Medak	129.64	66.01	74.40
22.	Rangareddy	131.26	78.00	95.85
Total		3278.72	1679.47	1875.45

Source: Office of the DC (SSI), Ministry of Industry

Loans to Small Farmers

2628. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans given by the public sector banks to small farmers and for setting up agro-based industries, separately during each of the last three years, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend this facility to more beneficiaries during 1992-93;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported to total amount of loans by way of direct finance to agriculture (excluding allied activities) disbursed by all scheduled commercial banks to small and marginal farmers, as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

June, 1987	1466
June, 1988	1585
June, 1989	1716

(latest available)

The district-wise data of disbursement of loans form small farmers etc. are not compiled by RBI. However, the State-wise data on disbursement of direct finance to small farmers by the scheduled commercial banks for the above period is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House. RBI has reported that its information system does not generate similar data for agro-based industries.

(b) and (c) Agriculture is one of the major segments of 'Priority Sector'. Public Sector Banks have been asked to raise the proportions of their credit to priority sector to 40% of their total advances. Commercial banks are also required to grant 18% of net bank credit as direct finance to agriculture (including allied activities). Further it is stipulated that advances to the weaker sections of the community which also includes small and marginal farmers should be not less than 25% of priority sector advances or 10% of net bank credit.

The farmers all over the country are provided loans by public sector banks for the agricultural and allied activities undertaken by them on their own or through any scheme framed by Government in this regard. The financing of such activities by the credit institutions is a part of their normal lending operations on a continued basis.